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SECOND FIRE ROUTS WILLARD GUESTS

Blaze Breaks Out in Debris at Washington Hotel Early in Morning
LITTLE DAMAGE IS DONE
 Washington, April 23.—Guests at the New Willard Hotel, with the memory of yesterday's daybreak fire still fresh in their minds—of their dreams—were aroused early today by the clatter of fire apparatus, called to extinguish a small blaze among debris in the fourth-story ballroom wrecked by the fire in the more than twenty-four hours before.
 This morning's blaze, although not considered dangerous and quickly put out, caused a number of guests, especially on the upper floors, to crowd the corridors. Most of them, assured by hotel attendants there was no danger, returned to their rooms, but others, more skeptical, remained on watch until the firemen had departed.
 Workmen today began removing the final traces of the damage done by yesterday's fire, and the hotel management announced that with the exception of the ballroom the restoration would be completed by night.

Coolidge is Routed
 Five hundred persons, including Vice President Coolidge, a score or more of Government officials, Congressmen and men and women of national reputation, were forced from their rooms by yesterday's fire.
 No one was hurt and the panic which usually accompanies a hotel blaze was entirely lacking, but the lobby of the hotel, and the famous "Peacock Alley," which extends the length of the hotel, were thronged with the several hundred guests forced from their quarters by the streams of water cascading down the stairs.
 A few women on the upper floors into which smoke penetrated fled in their night clothes, but cool-headed hotel employees turned them back, with assurance that all had time to dress. The fire, which was discovered at 6 o'clock, was under control within an hour and did not prevent serving of breakfast in the main dining room. Later most of the guests returned to their rooms, to find their effects in many instances damaged by water. Some of the more daringly it was reported, took their showers before coming down to breakfast.

Flames Sweep Ballroom
 The whole incident, if a hotel fire of an estimated damage of more than \$200,000 can be called an incident, was remarkable for the lack of excitement, beyond the confusion in the lobby. While flames of undetermined origin gutted the tenth floor, which houses the hotel ballroom, where, a night before, the Gridiron Club had held its semi-annual dinner, the elevators went up and down emptying the 400 rooms on the first nine floors.
 Mrs. A. Kohn, of New York, who was ill with pneumonia on the eighth floor, was taken down the elevator on a stretcher and later removed to a hospital.

Brigadier General Sawyer, President Harding's physician, who lives in the hotel, managed to get his effects down stairs and he and Mrs. Sawyer accepted the President's invitation to go to the White House. Later in the day the Sawyers returned to the hotel, and few guests left permanently. Last night a banquet of the Knights of Columbus, which was to be in the ballroom, took place on the ninth floor while employees were clearing away the debris upstairs.

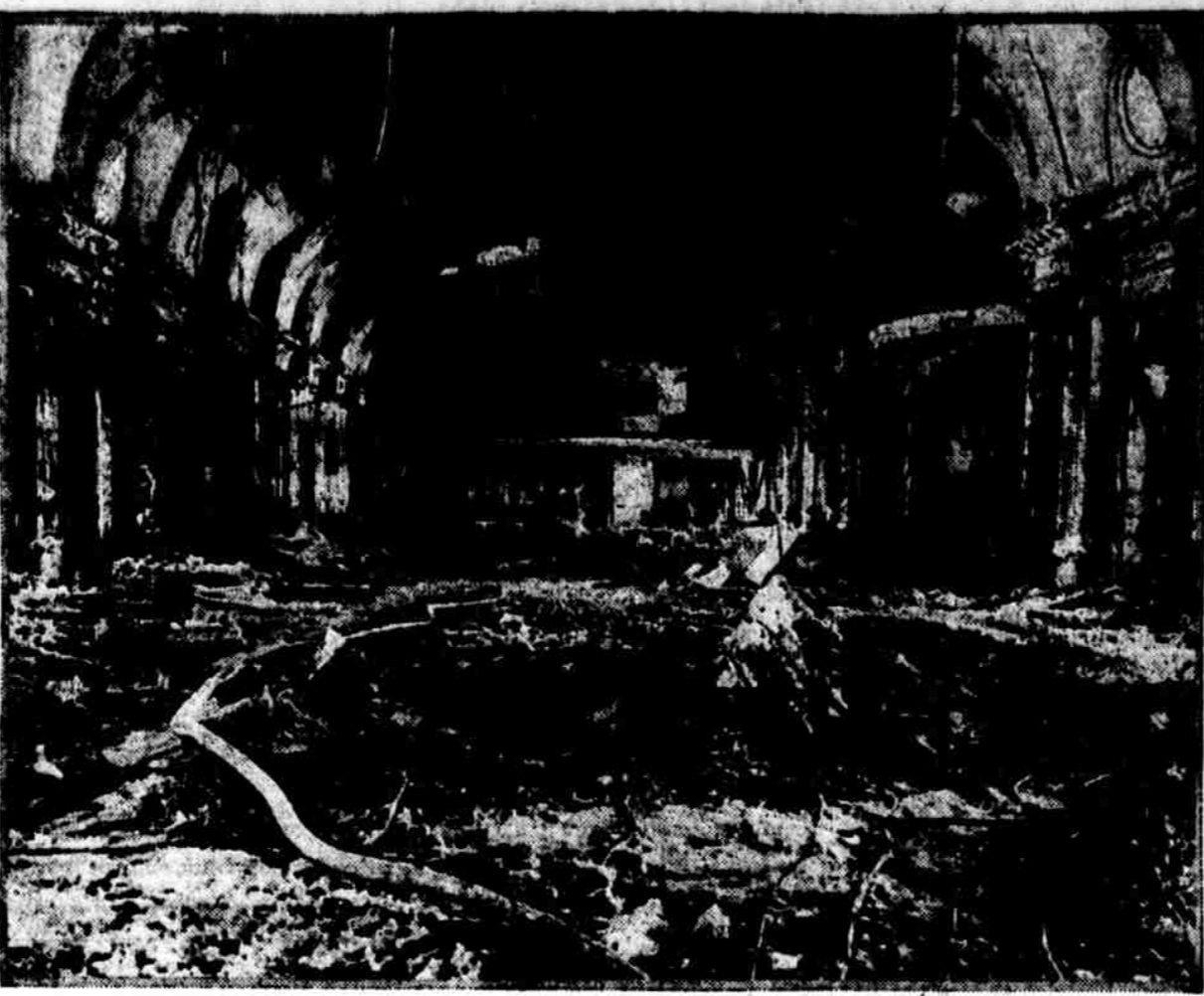
The clatter of the gongs of fire companies at the New Willard woke Vice President Coolidge, who upon going to a window, saw the apparatus drawing up across the street. He called Mrs. Coolidge, remarked that there was a fire in the neighborhood and suggested they go out to see it. While they were dressing they learned that the fire was in the hotel. Leaving their apartment on the third floor, they descended to the lobby and Mrs. Coolidge was sent to the home of the Vice President's secretary, Edward T. Clark.

Mr. Coolidge remained at the hotel, where he was again joined in the afternoon by Mrs. Coolidge. He, the second and successive Vice President of the United States to have an experience in a fire at the New Willard, a blaze having routed out the Vice President and Mrs. Coolidge late one night nearly four years ago.

Carry Pried Possessions
 Nearly all the guests, men and women alike, carried their most prized possessions with them from their rooms. One man arrived in the "Alley" clutching the neck of a large bottle of a color and shape well known in the pre-Volstead days. In the case of one woman guest a poodle dog peeped out from the folds of a cape.
 Among the distinguished guests to snare in the excitement and, on the whole, to take the inconvenience good naturedly, were the Vice President, Senators Calder, of New York; McCarty, Oregon; Hanson, of Iowa, and du Pont, of Delaware. Representatives Husted, Ward, Dunn and Snyder, all of New York; Charles G. Dawes, Director of the Budget; C. McChesney, chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission; Olga Petrova, the actress; D. W. Mulvaney, Republican National Committee member from Kansas; George Meza, Pittsburgh manufacturer; Mrs. T. DeWitt Talmage, widow of the famous divine; Hanford MacNider, commander of the American Legion; Adolph Zukor, New York motion picture magnate; Judge J. E. Bodine, of Trenton, N. J.; Judge Bingham, publisher of the Louisville Courier Journal; John J. Spurgeon, editor of the Philadelphia "Public Ledger"; Harry Chandler, publisher of the Los Angeles Times; James M. Thomson, publisher of the New Orleans Item; Arthur B. Krock, of the Louisville Times; F. Presbury, New York advertising man; and other newspapermen here attending the Gridiron dinner, and Mrs. George Maynard Minor, president general of the Daughters of the American Revolution.
 According to the hotel management, the first inkling of the fire came from a policeman, who saw the smoke curling from the top windows. He turned in the alarm and notified the night watchman, who in turn set the night telephone operator, Miss Margaret Mathewson, to work. If the fire had a hero or heroine it was Miss Mathewson, who rapidly plugged in room after room rousing the guests. Employees went through the hall pounding on doors to make sure that all were awake.

BAR ACTRESS FROM PULPIT
 New Hampshire Deacons Refuse to Let Virginia Pearson Speak
 Nashua, N. H., April 24.—(By A. P.)—Virginia Pearson, motion picture actress, who was to have spoken at the First Baptist Church last night, was prevented at the last minute by the deacons. The pastor of the church announced that the action was for "the good of the church."
 A crowd that filled the auditorium for the first time in its history had gathered near Mrs. Pearson's room, when she raised the moral standard of the stage.

FAMOUS HOTEL BALLROOM WRECKED BY FIRE



Picture shows the ballroom of the New Willard Hotel in Washington, as it appeared after the fire early Sunday morning. President Harding and other notables had attended a banquet of the Gridiron Club there the evening before, and it is supposed the blaze was caused by a cigarette stub carelessly thrown among the draperies by one of the diners. Many famous dinners had been held in the New Willard ballroom

French Threaten to Leave Genoa

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 organizations in Germany composed of former non-commissioned officers, which, he said, were so easily transformed into the framework of a military force. He instanced these things, as well as the Pan-German agitation, to justify the precautions of France.
 "Things are going in Germany," he said, "as if the Pan-Germans were watching for an opportunity to foment trouble, sooner or later, on their Eastern frontier, with a view to getting back by force the Polish regions taken from Germany by the Treaty of Versailles."
 "What is going on at Genoa?" continued the Premier, "singularly confirms all we know of the state of mind of too great a portion of the empire. How long back had Germany prepared the treaty with the Soviet government, and how long back had she been entirely prepared to sign it? Is it not accompanied by secret clauses? Is it simply a shield for political and military conventions?"

Poland and France Menaced
 At any rate, added M. Poincare, the coming together of Germany and the Soviets was a great menace to Poland and an indirect menace to France.
 French opinion, said the Premier, would have been prepared for the dissolution of the conference at Genoa upon the disclosure of the terms of this Russo-German treaty.
 "But," he added, "we did not separate on this occasion from our allies and from our friends of the Little Entente. We publicly affirmed our solidarity, but this new proof of our conciliatory intentions does not alter the policy of the Cabinet."
 "If the French delegation cannot go on with the world at Genoa under the conditions agreed upon, then we shall have with great regret to discontinue our collaboration in the conference, for the success of which we have done all we could."

Genoa, April 24.—(By A. P.)—The French delegation announced today that it was willing to subscribe to the proposed pact under which the various nations would agree to abstain from aggression, provided it was backed by proper guarantees, considered especially necessary in view of the Russo-German Treaty.
 In its announcement of qualified willingness to become a party to this pact, proposed by Prime Minister Lloyd George, of Great Britain, the French delegation said:
 "It must be made clear that Germany and Russia have no aggressive intentions before the rest of Europe agree to such a pact."
 "If it involves the neutralization of frontier it may be useful. If it involves later some form of reduction of armaments it may be beneficial."
 "France is ready to reduce if others do so, because this would decrease expenditures, but it must affect everybody and be without a loophole for violation."
 In this connection it was pointed out this afternoon that the British communiques on the subject have indicated that Mr. Lloyd George did not contemplate the provision of guarantees.

German Action Pleasing
 Once more today the grating Genoa Conference, which has been alternating between fears and hopes, and punctuating by political crises which threatened to destroy it altogether, set itself grimly to the task of readjusting the economic life of Europe.
 The announcement by the German delegation last night that they would not reply to the Allies' second note, because they did not wish to endanger the

success of the conference, was received everywhere with frankly uttered words of relief, for almost everybody was beginning to despair secretly that the conference would end in economic achievement.

In all quarters today were heard words of praise for the patient efforts of the Italian leaders to re-establish harmony on the legal protection they concentrate upon the constructive problems for which it was organized.
 Six sub-commissions were scheduled to hold meetings today, and the committee of experts on the Russian question made plans to take up seriatim the report on the reconstruction of Russia prepared by the allied experts who met in London.

Considering Russia's Debts
 This report concerns not only the question of the handling of Russia's debts, but also matters vital to foreigners in their relations with Russia, bearing on the legal protection they are to have in their dealings in Russia.
 The Soviet delegation has overthrown for the moment its noted memorandum issued as an answer to the experts, because it is in contradiction with the later Russian note accepting the Allies' terms as a basis of discussion.
 Russian spokesmen explained that the memorandum, which the Powers found unpalatable, merely coliced the opinions of the Soviet delegates at the first stage of the negotiations, whereas now they have decided to modify their earlier opinions.
 They were careful, however, to make the reservation that this modification was contingent upon "the successful outcome of the present pourparlers," but the conference has produced so many shocks and sensations that mere phrases no longer appeasement the panic which they did at the outset of the deliberations.

London, April 24.—(By A. P.)—A dispatch to the London Times from Berlin says it is announced that owing to the conclusion of the Russo-German treaty the Russian Soviet Government is prepared to make what it considers amends for the murder in Moscow in 1918 of General Count von Mirbach, German Ambassador to Russia.

The reparation apparently is to take the form of accusing and trying certain political opponents of the Soviet, the Golos Rossi says that Kamkoff, Trutovsky and Majerev, members of the Russian Revolutionary Party, have been handed over to revolutionary tribunals in Russia on a charge of murder.
 The Council of People's Commissars, the dispatch adds, ordered the case taken up and the preliminary inquiry showed that Mirbach was the victim of a plot of Soviet revolutionaries who, under French instigation, intended to foment war between Russia and Germany. Commissioner of Justice Kuroski (Lousoun) instructed the public prosecutor to open the proceedings.

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24-Hour Walkout, in Protest Against Militarism, Halts All Activities
CHIEFS REACH AGREEMENT

By the Associated Press
 London, April 24.—The Irish Free State was cut off from the outside world and even from Dublin today, as the result of the great twenty-four-hour general strike of labor against militarism in Ireland. Telegraphic and telephonic communication had ceased, and all means of transportation apparently were halted.
 One wireless set was working between military headquarters in Ulster and the Dublin headquarters, and since this was reported to be carrying only routine messages, it was assumed in Ulster that nothing untoward was happening among her neighbors to the South.
 Between London and Dublin there were no means of communication whatever.
 An agreement has been reached between the military leaders of the republican and Free State forces in Ireland, according to a dispatch yesterday to the Westminster Gazette from Dublin, which will constitute the basis for peaceful arrangements in connection with the future policy on both sides and profoundly influence events in Southern Ireland for the better.
 The question of acceptance or rejection of the treaty, according to the dispatch, will be left for the people to pronounce upon, untrammelled by an interference.
 The correspondent expects an early

official announcement of this decision, which he says has such importance in view of the resumption of the Peace Conference and that it may be discussed in the Dail Eireann during the current week. He asserted that the agreement was not traceable to the strike today, to which the leaders of the two forces attach neither consequence nor importance. Arrangements also are being made to remove the causes of complaint with reference to the discipline of the newly formed forces at Hegars Bush and other barracks.
 Nancy Babb is Typhus Victim
 Nancy Babb, the Lansdowne girl who has been for four years with the Quaker Relief, it sent into Russia by the

American Friends' Service Committee of Philadelphia, has been stricken with typhus. The girl is in Bunsick, for some time her hospital was in a car frozen to the rails. She has been removed to a room in a hospital nearby, according to a letter from a member of the party.
Woman Dies From Burns
 Mrs. Anna Bechtel, seventy-two years old, of 1927 Ridge avenue, at 11 o'clock yesterday morning at St. Joseph's Hospital as a result of severe burns received Saturday morning. Bechtel was standing over a gas stove when her clothes caught fire, and was rushed to the hospital in a police patrol.

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Natural Muskrat Coats	200.00	Formerly 200.00	95.50	Hudson Seal Wraps	600.00	Formerly 600.00	295.00
French Seal, Skunk Trimmed	200.00	Formerly 200.00	95.50	Natural Squirrel Wraps	600.00	Formerly 600.00	295.00
Marmot, Raccoon Trimmed	200.00	Formerly 200.00	95.50	Taupe Caracul Wrap	1000.00	Formerly 1000.00	495.00
French Seal Wraps	250.00	Formerly 250.00	125.00	Broadtail Wrap	1200.00	Formerly 1200.00	595.00
French Seal, Squirrel Trimmed	250.00	Formerly 250.00	125.00	Ermine Wrap	1200.00	Formerly 1200.00	595.00
Moleskin Coats	330.00	Formerly 330.00	165.00	Natural Mink Coat	1500.00	Formerly 1500.00	745.00
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